

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

B. Amendments to the Specification.

Please replace the paragraph starting at Page 7, Line 3, with the following.

5 The function of the HVDN network is different than a PBX box. The PBX box
can only direct calls to different phone lines and requires each phone connected to the
PBX box to have a dedicated ~~[[dedicate]]~~ line to that phone. The HVDN network, in
comparison, can direct an incoming call from the PSTN to any or all phones and can
allow any phone within the HVDN network to communicate with any or all phones
10 within the network while using the existing ~~[[exiting]]~~ telephone wiring within a home or
building.

Please replace the paragraph starting at Page 10, Line 19, with the following.

15 Continuing to refer to FIG. 2a, multiple phones 24 can be connected in a
conference call configuration where the addresses of each of the phones involved 24 and
their respective VDM devices 21 are designated as part of the phone call and known to the
LTW device 26 as well as all the VDM devices 21 involved. Many newer homes and
buildings are wired with two separate phone lines even though only one is used to connect
20 to the local phone company. This provides the possibility of separating the
communications into two distinct and separate HVDN networks 20 each with a separate
LTW device 26. A connection of a VDM 21 to the telephone wiring 22 in a house or
building will most likely be made at a wall connector originally use to provide a
connection for a phone device; however, multiple VDM devices 21 can be connected to
25 the telephone wiring of the house or building at these wall connectors and each can have a
different length in the network.